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This book seeks to establish a broader picture of the issues that confronted those who framed the U.S. Government during the founding period. This collection of primary historical documents shows how the founders arrived at consensus from the many conflicting viewpoints that characterized the debate on establishing the constitutional republic. A chronology of major events opens the work, which is organized topically into seven sections with each section prefaced by an introductory essay. The essay presents the main theme, ideas, and issues, and it establishes a context for the documents that follow. Each document is preceded by an explanatory headnote, which includes questions to guide the reader's analysis and appraisal of the primary source. Each section ends with a select bibliography. This book is a basic research and debate tool for use in school and public libraries and secondary school classrooms. Sixty documents are included in this text. (EH)

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